A

PRIVATE PRAYER

To be uſed

In Difficult Times.

O Almighty God, who art the refuge and ſtrength of all thoſe that truly fear thee and put their truſt in thee; We thy Servants, who have had long experience of thy goodneſs, and often found thee a preſent help in the needful time of trouble, moſt humbly flee unto thy infinite Mercies, to implore thy Grace and Favour towards us, in this diſtreſſed Church: Who know not what to do, but only lift up our eyes unto thee, from whom cometh our Salvation.

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Our ſins indeed teſtifie againſt us, that we juſtly deſerve to be forſaken by thee, and given up as a prey unto thoſe that hate us. For we have done very wickedly; and been ſo far from bringing forth the fruits of the Goſpel of thy Grace (which we have long enjoyed in its purity) that too many of us have turn'd it into wantonneſs: and the beſt of us, have not been ſo zealous of Good Works as our moſt Holy Religion, and the ſingular benefits we have enjoyed by it, required from us.

Our contempt or neglect of thy Divine Service, our Unrighteouſneſs and Uncharitableneſs one towards another, our Riot and Intemperance, our Filthineſs and Uncleanneſs, our inſenſibleneſs of our Brethrens miſeries, and all our other high Provocations, call for Vengeance upon us: And it is of thy mere mercy, thy long-ſuffering mercy, that we are not already laid waſte, and made the ſcorn

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and deriſion of thoſe who are round about us.

Unto that inconceiveable Mercy and moſt tender Compaſſion, we ſtill betake our ſelves, and ſue for further patience and forbearance towards us: beſeeching thee with earneſt Cryes; Spare us, good Lord; ſpare thy people, and give us not up unto a Reproach.

Remember not our ſins nor our tranſgreſſions, but according to thy mercy, remember thou us for thy goodneſs ſake, O Lord.

For thy names ſake pardon our iniquity: though it be great.

Look upon our affliction and our trouble: and forgive all our ſin.

Conſider our Enemies, for they are many: and they hate us with a cruel hatred.

But do not thou forſake us, O Lord; O our God be not thou far from us: But preſerve us in the free

and undiſturbed profeſſion of thy Holy Religion, here eſtabliſhed among us.

Suffer not the Doctrine of the Goſpel to be here again corrupted; thy Worſhip and Service adulterated; the Holy Communion of Chriſt's Body and Blood depraved, and maimed; the juſt rights and liberties of this Church to be oppreſſed by any of thoſe who have evil will unto It.

But preſerve us, O Lord, from their evil deſigns, for thy mercies ſake, for thy holy truths ſake (here reformed from many ſuperſtitions, wherewith it was defiled) for the ſake of thy faithful people, who cry Day and Night unto thee, for the ſake of Chriſt Jeſus, who dyed for us, and ſuffered upon the Croſs to teſtifie to that truth, which we maintain: whom we own for our only Mediator and Advocate; whoſe Sacrifice, once offered, we believe

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to be an all-ſufficient ſatisfaction for us; whoſe merits alone we mention to thee, and depend upon; by whoſe Agony and Bloody ſweat, his Croſs and Paſſion, Reſurrection and Interceſſion, we beg to be delivered by thee.

Deny not, bleſſed Lord, the ſuits of ſuch Supplicants: let them never be put to Confuſion; but deliver them in thy righteouſneſs, bow down thy ears unto them, and make haſte to deliver them. Be thou their ſtrong Rock and Houſe of defence that thou mayeſt ſave them.

And for that end, ſtir up the hearts of all thy people to be more than ordinary Zealous in their Religion; more fervent and frequent in Prayers and Supplications; more ſerious in their Repentance and Humiliations; more conſtant and devout in receiving the Holy Communion; more ſtrict and carefull in

in their whole Chriſtian Converſation.

Endue all the Miniſters of our Religion, with Integrity, Wiſdom, and Courage. Bleſs their Labours; and protect them in the faithful diſcharge of their Duty. And give all the people grace to follow their godly inſtructions; that they may be preſerved from all dangerous errors and deluſions.

Quicken the Magiſtrates in their ſeveral places, to maintain Truth, as well as execute Juſtice.

Reſtore a happy unity among us; that we may ſtand faſt in one ſpirit, with one mind, ſtriving together for the faith of the Goſpel.

And let it not be in the power of any of our enemies to overthrow that bleſſed work of Reformation of Religion, which was brought about by the long ſtudy, and labours, and prayers, and ſufferings, and blood of many of thy faithful ſervants.

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But perfect and compleat it, we beſeech thee, by making us all ſo ſenſible of the ineſtimable value of that bleſſing, that it may be more and more effectual in the Reformation of all our lives.

Continue thy protection alſo over all other reformed Churches; which hitherto are in ſafety. And where they are laid waſte, graciouſly reſtore them, after they have ſuffered a while with patience, to their loſt liberties and enjoyments.

Hear their cry, O Lord, and ariſe for the ſighing of thoſe poor diſtreſſed Chriſtians: and ſet them in ſafety from thoſe who ſwell againſt them.

Let the wickedneſs of the wicked come to an end: and eſtabliſh thou the juſt.

Break the arm of wicked and evil Men: ſeek out their wickedneſs, till thou find none.

So we thy People and Sheep of thy Paſture, will give thee thanks for

for ever: we will ſhow forth thy praiſe to all Generations, ſaying,

Bleſſed be the Lord God, our Saviour and Deliverer, who only doth wondrous things.

And bleſſed be his glorious name for ever, and let the whole Earth be filled with his Glory, *Amen*, and *Amen*.

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